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Vision

Define and lead the science strategy for Artemis and Moon to Mars

Exploration science integration between SMD Divisions, SMD/STMD/HEOMD, other government agencies, and international partners

Promote a lunar economy to produce rapid, frequent, and affordable access to the lunar surface and cislunar space

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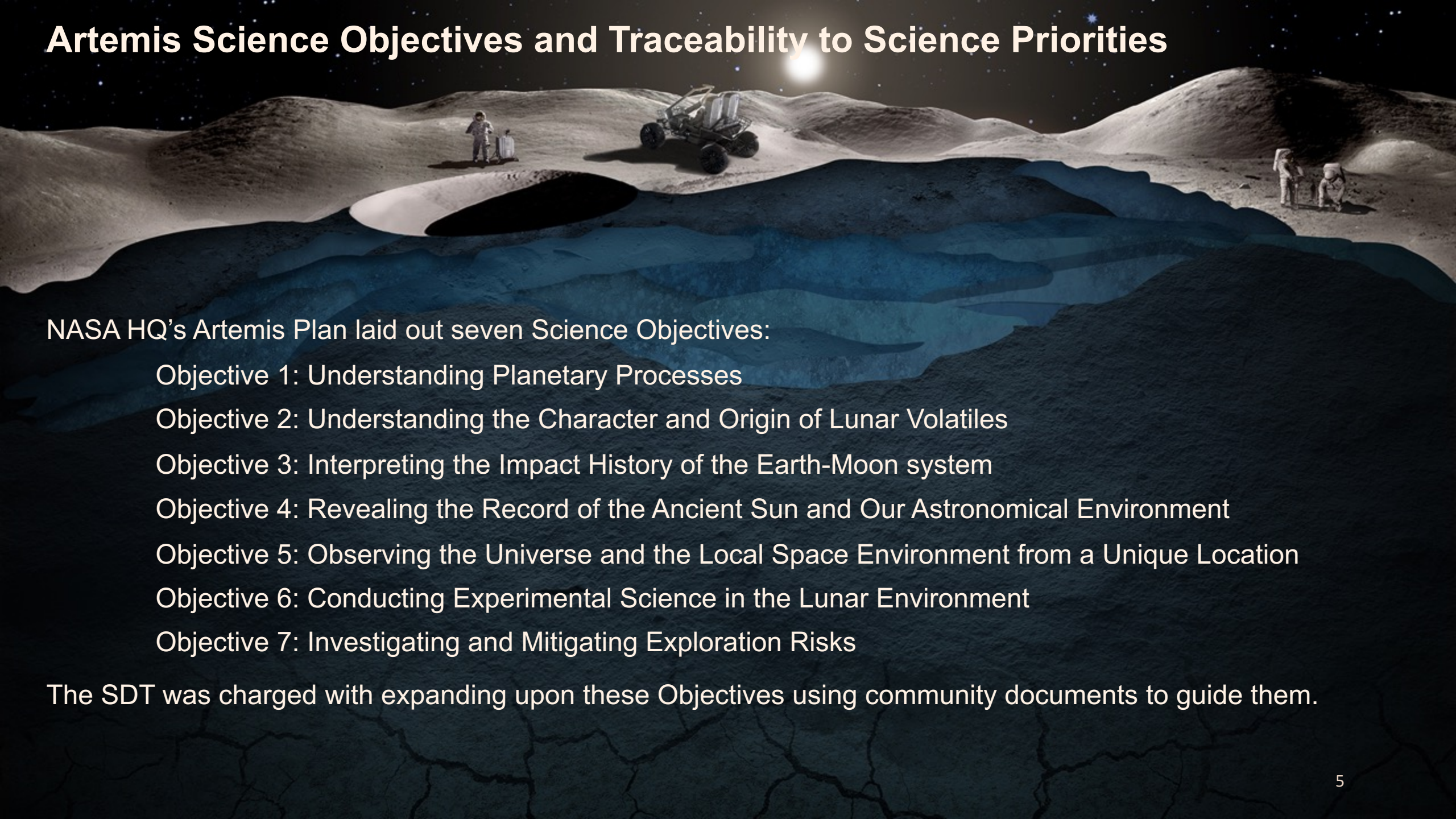
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Artemis Science Objectives and Traceability to Science Priorities



NASA HQ's Artemis Plan laid out seven Science Objectives:

Objective 1: Understanding Planetary Processes

Objective 2: Understanding the Character and Origin of Lunar Volatiles

Objective 3: Interpreting the Impact History of the Earth-Moon system

Objective 4: Revealing the Record of the Ancient Sun and Our Astronomical Environment

Objective 5: Observing the Universe and the Local Space Environment from a Unique Location

Objective 6: Conducting Experimental Science in the Lunar Environment

Objective 7: Investigating and Mitigating Exploration Risks

The SDT was charged with expanding upon these Objectives using community documents to guide them.

Artemis III Science Definition Team Report

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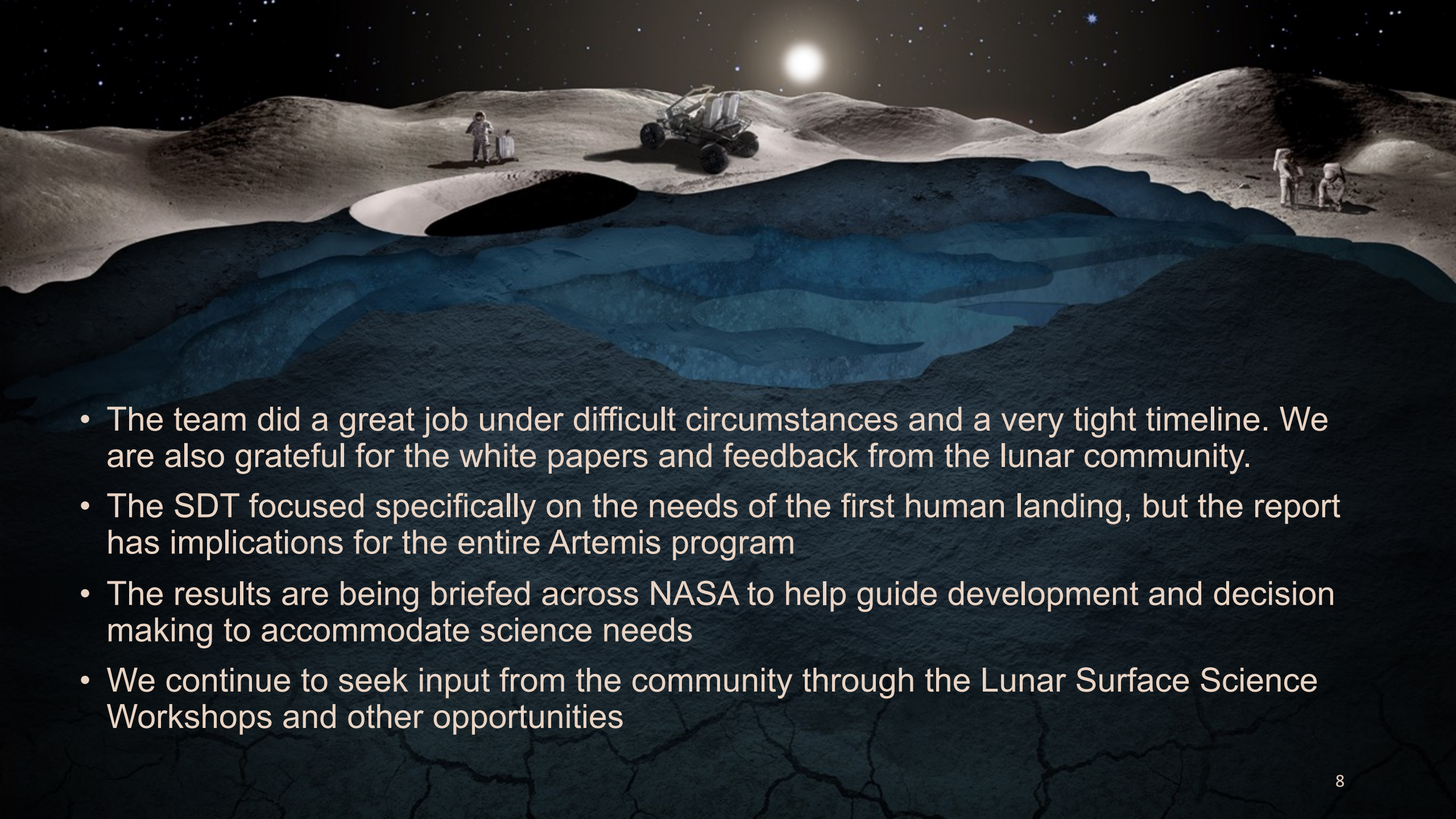




The SDT constructed a notional program that captures the highest-priority science for the first human landing and provides the greatest feed-forward to follow-on missions and the build-up to the Artemis Base Camp. This program contains three cohesive elements:

Sample collection and return	In situ and field science	Deployed experiments
Contingency sample (bulk) Small clast (rake) Large clast (hand) Sealed core (drill) Sealed surface (bulk) Regolith surface (CSSD)	Volatile monitoring Environmental monitoring Geochemistry/mineralogy Geotechnical properties Traverse geophysics	Volatile monitoring Environmental monitoring Geophysics

A successful surface mission hinges on addressing all three program elements



- The team did a great job under difficult circumstances and a very tight timeline. We are also grateful for the white papers and feedback from the lunar community.
- The SDT focused specifically on the needs of the first human landing, but the report has implications for the entire Artemis program
- The results are being briefed across NASA to help guide development and decision making to accommodate science needs
- We continue to seek input from the community through the Lunar Surface Science Workshops and other opportunities



Lunar Surface Science Workshops

- Series of ~monthly 1-day workshops to get community input on our highest priority questions.
- Was originally scoped as a 3-day in-person workshop scheduled for last April, canceled due to COVID.
- Jointly organized by PSD/ESSIO/HEO/OCS with support from SSERVI and the LPI
- Many of the early sessions relied on abstracts submitted to the original workshop, but for certain topics we have had additional abstract calls
- Getting ~200-300 participants per session. Strong participation from both inside and outside NASA, including internationals
- Science community input is being incorporated into and driving discussions within the Artemis program



Lunar Surface Science Workshop Schedule

- Community input and early integration of science into the exploration architecture are essential to maximizing the science return from the Artemis missions.
- We appreciate the effort and time the community has put into these sessions
- Talks are recorded and discussion notes organized into deliverable products

Previous sessions:

- Overview and Background (May)
- Tools and Instruments (May)
- Volatiles (July)
- Samples (July)
- Dust and Regolith (August)
- Planetary Protection (September)
- The Value of Mobility (October)
- Foundational Data Products (November)
- Space Biology – joint with BPS (January)
- Structuring Real-Time Science Support of Artemis Crewed Operations (February)

Upcoming Sessions:

- **April 29th – Updates from HQ**
- Physical Sciences (Summer/Fall 2021)
- Fundamental Physics (Summer/Fall 2021)

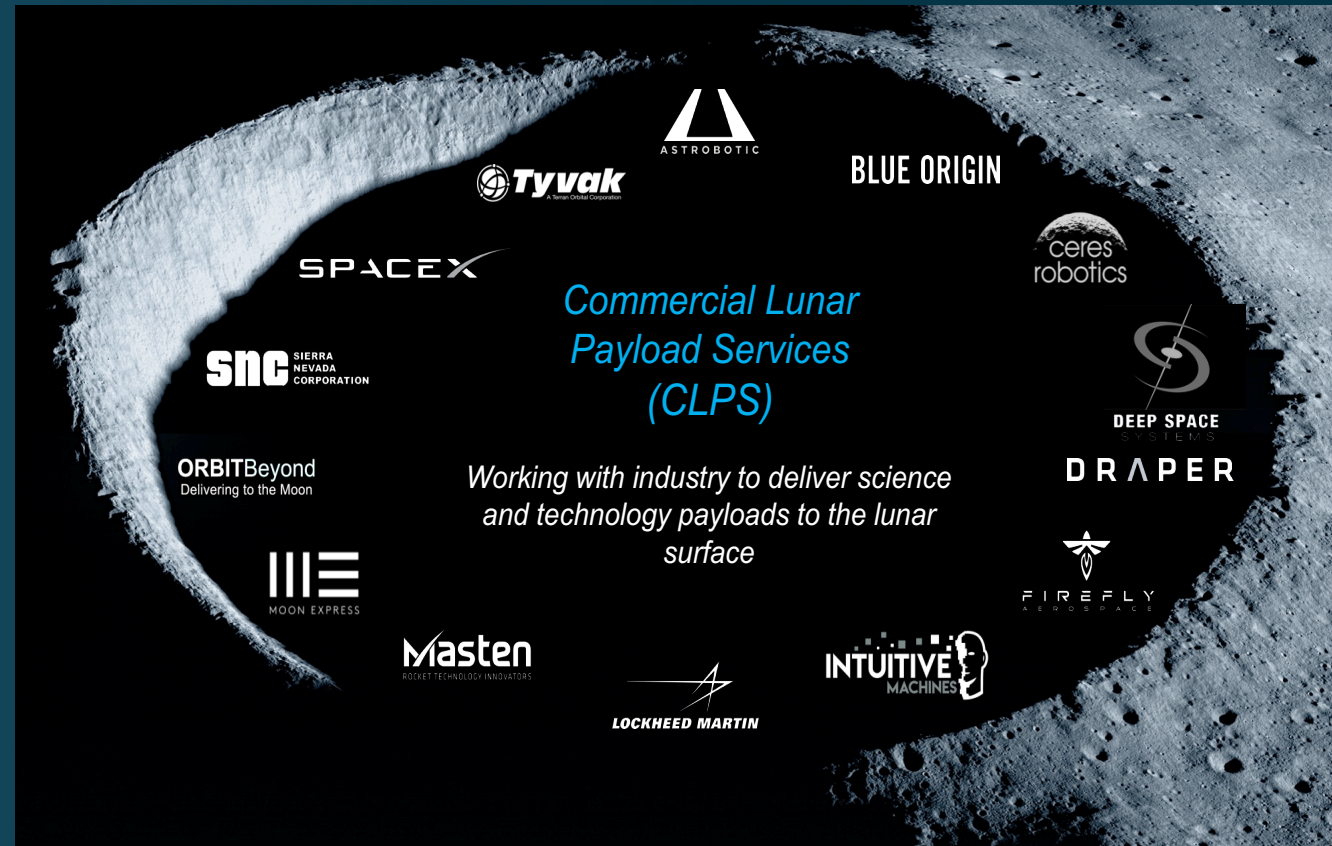
<https://lunarscience.arc.nasa.gov/lssw>

Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS)



Goal: Utilize commercial end-to-end delivery services to enable access to the lunar surface

- Deliveries initiated using a Task Order (TO)
 - Any of the 14 companies on the catalog can respond to a task order
 - Expected Task Order cadence of 2 per year
- Task Orders list what NASA wants delivered and any constraints
 - E.g., landing site, specific needs of instruments
- First 6 lunar surface deliveries awarded with deliveries commencing in 2021
 - 2021: Non-polar delivery (Astrobotic & Intuitive Machines) – TO 2A & 2B
 - 2022: Polar delivery (Masten) – TO 19C
 - 2022: PRIME-1 (Intuitive Machines)
 - 2023: Crisium (Firefly Aerospace) – TO 19D
 - 2023: Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) to Moon's south polar region (Astrobotic) – TO 20A



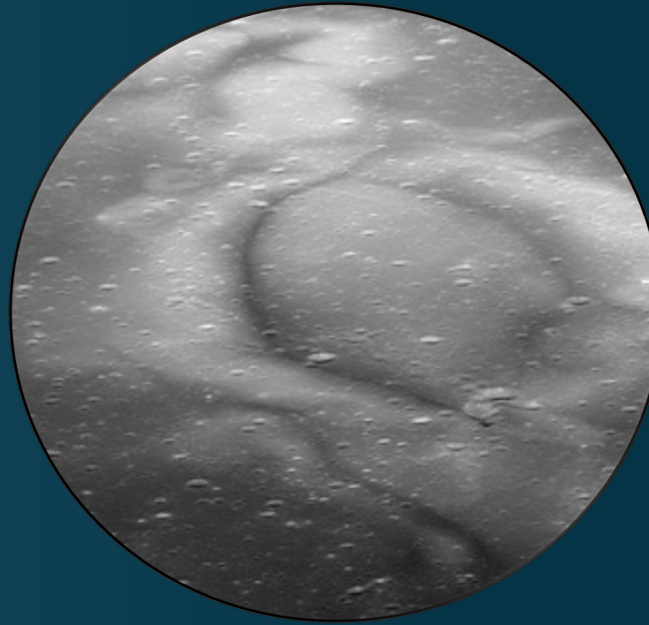
Innovative Science Deliveries to the Moon



SCHEDULE-DRIVEN

Get to the lunar surface quickly and conduct science

NPLP, LSITP



SCIENCE-DRIVEN

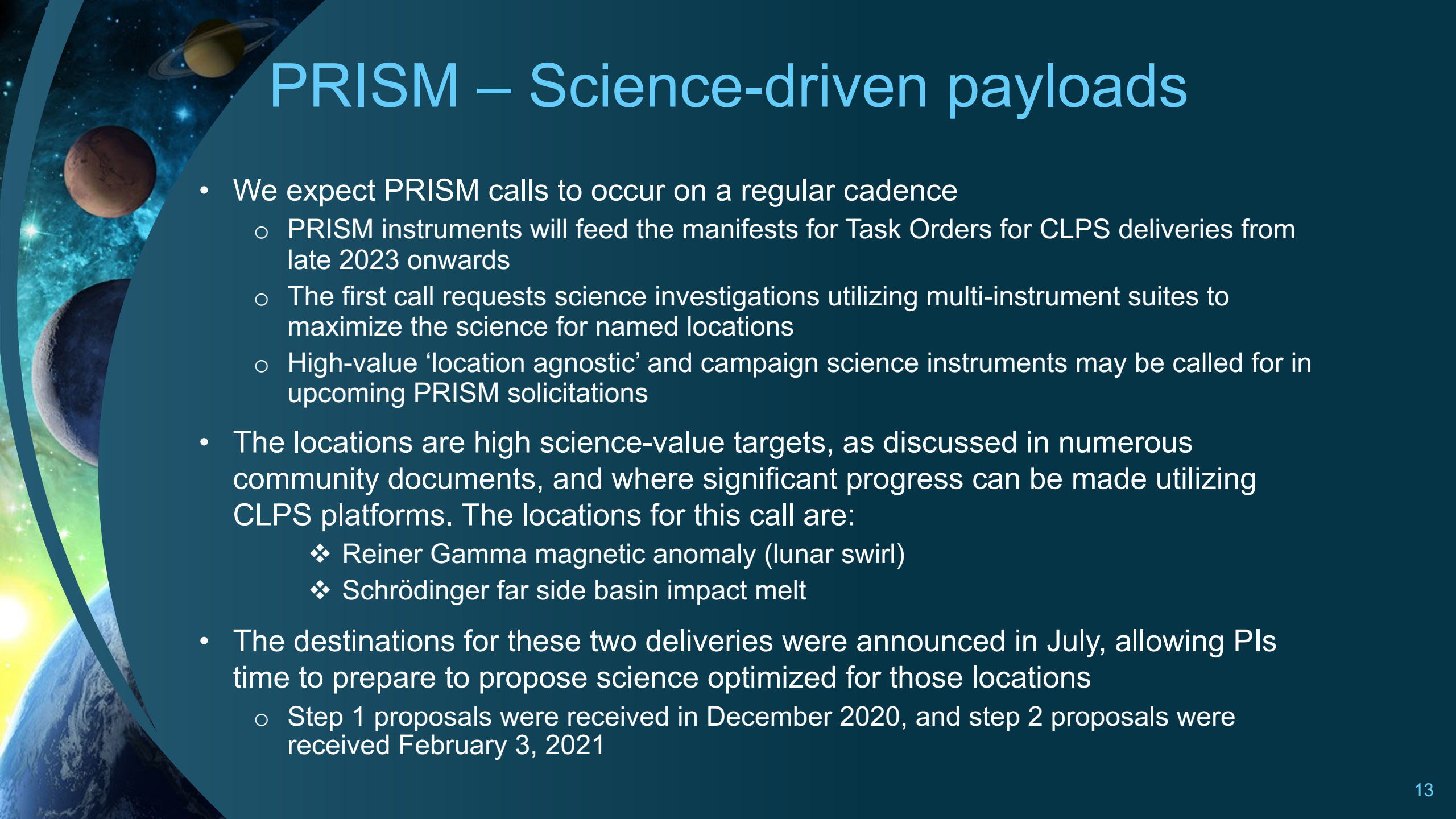
Achieve high-priority science objectives across the lunar surface

DALI, PRISM



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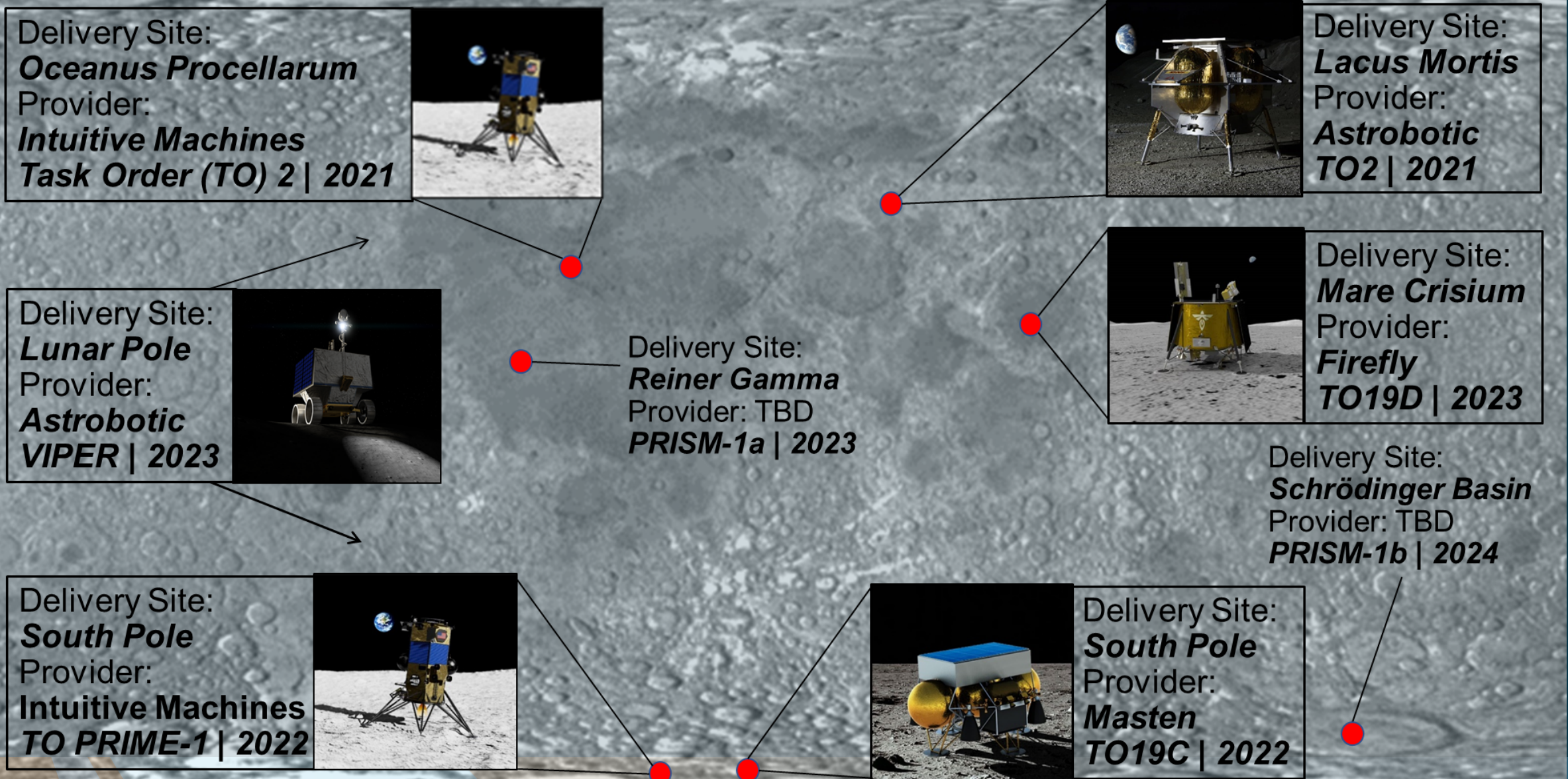
Promote development of advanced technology that enhances science return across the lunar surface



PRISM – Science-driven payloads

- We expect PRISM calls to occur on a regular cadence
 - PRISM instruments will feed the manifests for Task Orders for CLPS deliveries from late 2023 onwards
 - The first call requests science investigations utilizing multi-instrument suites to maximize the science for named locations
 - High-value ‘location agnostic’ and campaign science instruments may be called for in upcoming PRISM solicitations
- The locations are high science-value targets, as discussed in numerous community documents, and where significant progress can be made utilizing CLPS platforms. The locations for this call are:
 - ❖ Reiner Gamma magnetic anomaly (lunar swirl)
 - ❖ Schrödinger far side basin impact melt
- The destinations for these two deliveries were announced in July, allowing PIs time to prepare to propose science optimized for those locations
 - Step 1 proposals were received in December 2020, and step 2 proposals were received February 3, 2021

CLPS Deliveries 2021-2024



A space-themed background featuring a curved view of Earth's horizon at the bottom left, with a bright sun or star partially visible. Above the horizon, several celestial bodies are shown: a crescent moon, a reddish planet (Mars), and a yellow planet with rings (Saturn). The background is a deep blue with scattered white stars.

Supporting Other NASA Mission Directorates

- CLPS is a NASA resource and we have been looking at maximizing its value to the agency
 - MOU with HEOMD and STMD to enable maximum utilization of each SMD-led CLPS delivery
 - ❖ Flying other MDs payloads
 - ❖ Data buys
 - SMD also receives payload space on CLPS deliveries led by each of the other MDs
- Enabling CLPS deliveries led by other MDs
 - PRIME-1 (STMD) Task Order for the delivery of STMD's PRIME-1 instrument to a polar region
- Partnerships and Payloads with Other Government Agencies

Examples of International Interest

- Canadian Space Agency (CSA)
 - Small rover with a US payload (~3kg) delivered via CLPS
 - Other science payloads
- European Space Agency (ESA)
 - Large Retroreflector on PRISM-1a delivery to Reiner Gamma
 - PROSPECT volatiles investigation package to polar region
- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
 - US contribution of Neutron Spectrometer to LuPEX Rover
 - Small retroreflector on SLIM
 - Other science payloads
- Korea (KASI)
 - Four science payloads across multiple deliveries
- Other countries expressing interest: Australia, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Poland, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom

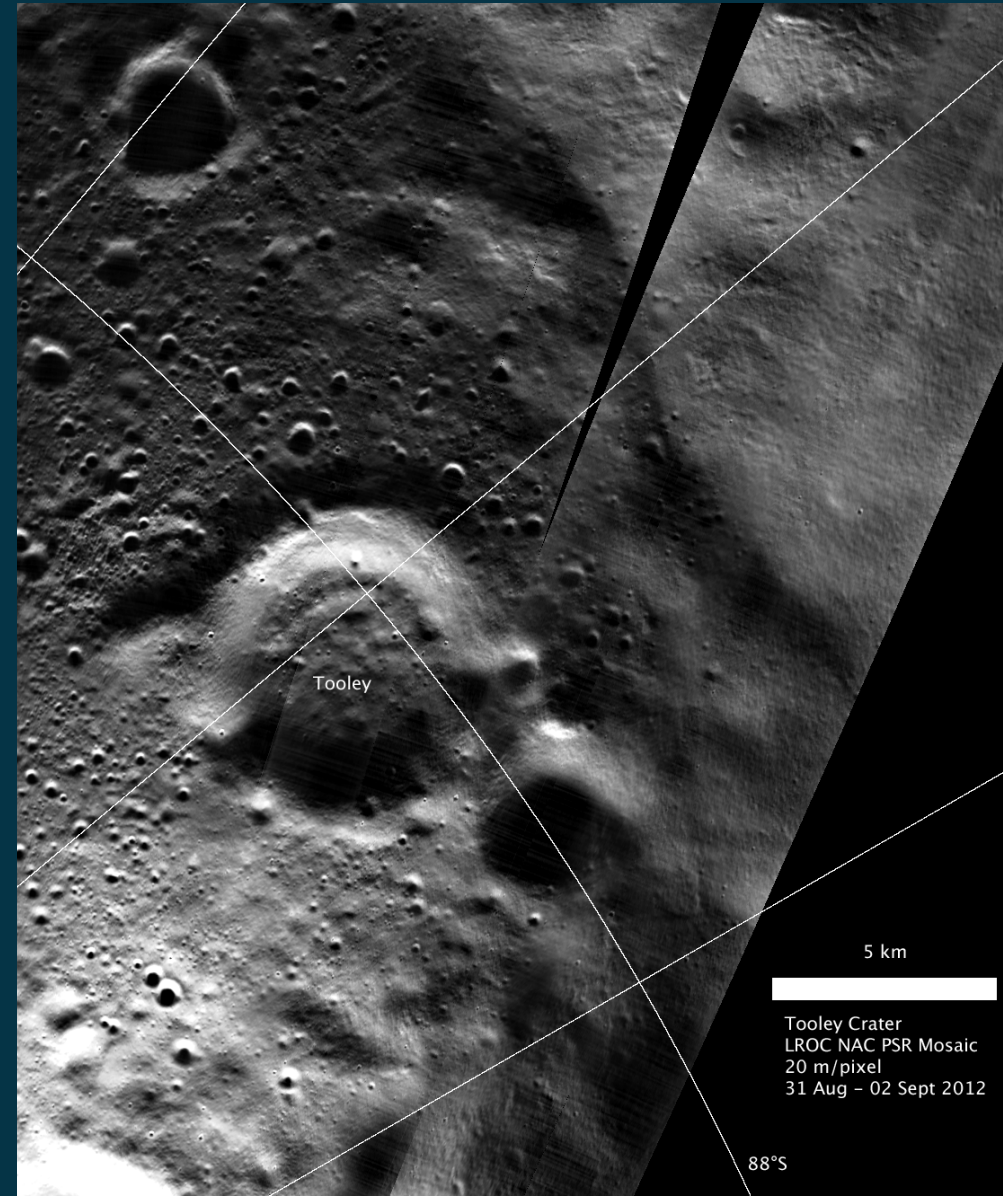


Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter

Still going strong after more than 11 years in orbit!

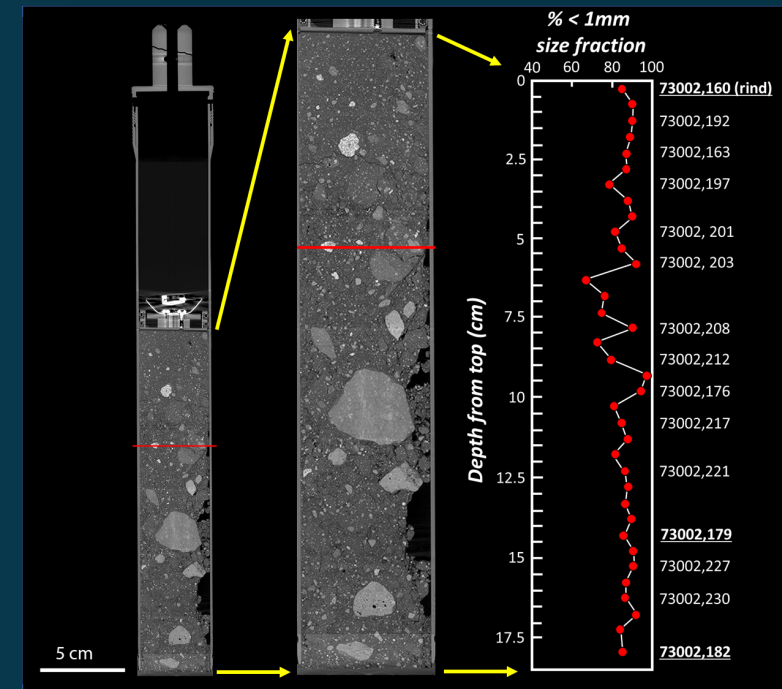
After starting its life as an Exploration asset under ESMD, then transitioning to a science workhorse that has revolutionized our global understanding of the Moon, LRO is once again being called upon to serve our exploration needs by providing input to landing site characterization for Artemis and CLPS landers.

Tooley crater is a 7 km crater in a permanently shadowed region of Shoemaker crater near the lunar south pole.



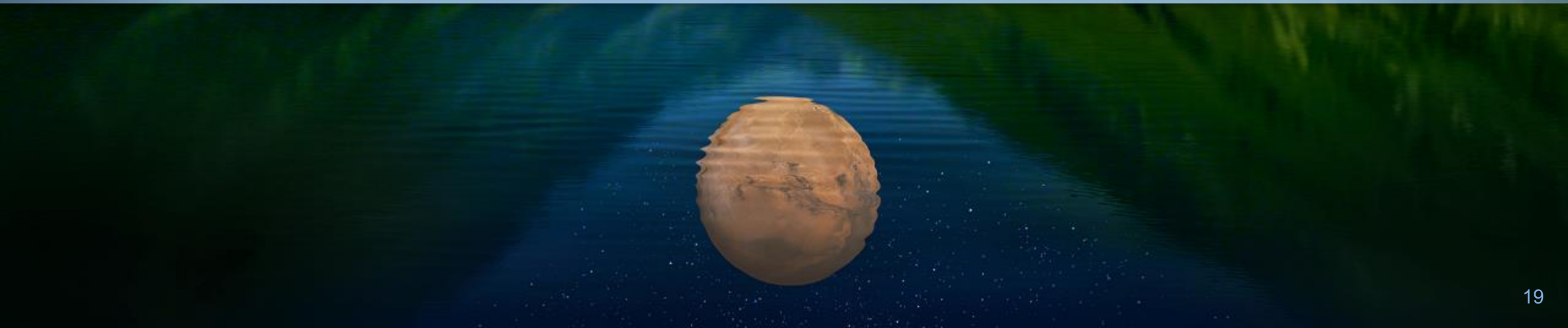
ANGSA progress

- Upper double drive tube 73002 (430g) extruded into a N atmosphere glovebox.
- Multi-generational preliminary examination team carried out. Prepares a new generation for samples return by Artemis.
- First samples were sent off for analysis just prior to COVID-19 closing of curation and labs. (organics, stable isotopes D/H, O, Cl).
- Due to COVID-19 there was a delay in getting material out to labs. Starting in November 2020 material started reaching labs.
- In a collaboration between ANGSA team members in the USA and ESA a gas extraction tool has been developed for opening Core Sample Vacuum Container (CSVC) 73001. Tool will be used in summer of 2021 to capture and analyze lunar gases.
- First results reported at AGU
- Special session at LPSC





Questions



The background of the slide is a cosmic image featuring a dark blue horizontal band across the center. Above the band, the sky is dark with a blue nebula on the right. Below the band, the sky transitions to orange and green, with a bright green nebula on the right. Numerous stars of varying brightness are scattered throughout the entire image.

Backup

2021 CLPS Delivery Manifests



Payloads largely selected from
NASA Provided Lunar Payloads (NPLP)

Astrobotic

Surface Exosphere
Alterations by
Landers (SEAL)

Photovoltaic
Investigation on
Lunar Surface (PILS)

Near-Infrared
Volatile
Spectrometer
System (NIRVSS)

Mass Spectrometer
Observing Lunar
Operations (Msolo)

PROSPECT Ion-Trap
Mass Spectrometer
for Lunar Surface
Volatiles (PITMS)

Linear Energy
Transfer
Spectrometer
(LETS)





Neutron
Spectrometer
System (NSS)

Neutron
Measurements
at the Lunar
Surface (NMLS)

Fluxgate
Magnetometer
(MAG)

Navigation
Doppler Lidar
for Precise
Velocity and
Range Sensing
(NDL)

Key

Science	
Technology	
Exploration	
HEOMD/STMD	

Intuitive Machines

Lunar Node 1
Navigation
Demonstrator (LN-1)

Stereo Cameras for
Lunar Plume-Surface
Studies (SCALPSS)

Low-frequency Radio
Observations from the
Near Side Lunar
Surface (ROLSSES)

Navigation Doppler
Lidar for Precise
Velocity and Range
Sensing (NDL)

Radio Frequency Mass
Gauge (RFMG)

2022 CLPS Delivery Manifests

Payloads largely selected from Lunar Surface Instrument and Technology Payloads (LSITP)

Masten Space Systems - South Pole

Sample Acquisition,
Morphology Filtering &
Probing of Regolith
(SAMPLR)

Camera System for lunar
science on commercial
vehicles
(Heimdall)

Near-Infrared Volatile
Spectrometer System
(NIRVSS)

Linear Energy Transfer
Spectrometer (LETS)

Lunar Compact Infrared
Imaging System (L-CIRiS)




Moon Rover with
Exploration Autonomy
(Moon Ranger)

Laser Retroreflector

Mass Spectrometer
Observing Lunar
Operations (Msolo)

Neutron Spectrometer
System (NSS) – Deployed
on Moon Ranger

Key

Science	
Technology	
Exploration	

Firefly Aerospace - Crisium

Lunar Environment
Heliophysics X-Ray Imager
(LEXI)

Next Generation Lunar
Retroreflectors (NGLR)

Radiation Tolerant
Computer System

Sample Acquisition &
Delivery System for
Instruments & Sample
Return
(PlanetVac)

Lunar Instrumentation for
Subsurface Thermal
Exploration with Rapidity
(LISTER)

Lunar Magnetotelluric
Sounder (LMS)

Regolith Adherence
Characterization
(RAC)